

THE BRITISH COLONIST

Tuesday Morning, March 27, 1896.

COMMERCIAL

AUCTION SALES THIS DAY.

DANIEL SCOTT & CO. will sell, at 12 o'clock, on the premises, Arlington Farm, North Saanich, all the Goods, Chattels and Effects, also the right, title and interest of Sparks and Jennings, lessors of said Farm, having three years to run, at an annual rental of \$500.

COAL—The ship *Alarm* arrived with a cargo of coal for R. Brodick.

COMMERCIAL REPORT.

(From the Victoria Press Current, March 26.)

BAON & HAMS, (Oregon)—Prime, scarce, and tendency to rise in price.

BEANS—remain firm at quotations.

HITTERS—All American varieties have risen in price in consequence of heavy duties of from 300 to 400 per cent having been imposed by Congress on the raw materials of which they are manufactured.

BLANKETS—2½ per cent scarce, but prices of all sizes low.

LYONS—Island, Fresh, commanding very high prices. Oregon, California, and Idaho, also bringing prices leaving a good margin.

CHICKEN—Stocks very low, a shipment of 2 or 3 tons would meet ready sale.

CLOTHING—Market overstocked, and quotations not well sustained.

SOAP—Yellow (English) Good brands scarce and prices advancing.

SUGARS—(Yellow) Stocks of finer grades are light, and prices firm with slight advance.

TEA—No Green in the Market except a little of inferior quality, and much wanted.

WOODEN WARE—(American) Scarce, and commanding high prices.

YEAST POWDERS—Best Brands scarce, and prices not well sustained.

N. B. All Provisions, Oatman's Stores and articles of consumption shipped to this market, should as a general rule be of the best quality and brands.

CIGARS—Manilla Cherosms much wanted, none in the market, other kinds, fair.

CURRANTS—Zante scarce, slight rise in prices.

COFFEE—No addition to stocks since last issue, and good qualities very scarce.

CHEESE—English, no good qualities to be had, no double Gloucester has hitherto been offered in the market, it is shipped in hermetically sealed packages to send the long voyage and changes of climate, it would doubtless become one of the leading articles of trade in these colonies.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples and Turkey Figs, scarce and much wanted.

FLOUR—Very little moving, some small sample lots have been sold at auction, realizing about 10 per cent below quotations, but the bulk was held for higher prices.

LIQUORS—Brands are held firm, having advanced in California—Held Brandy, market very bare, Scotch Whisky, Scotch and Irish, very small quantity in Importers' hands, and prices advancing, American (Daly's) scarce, none in first hands, prices firm.

NUTS—All kinds scarce, and much wanted.

OILS—Lined, (boiled) none, and much wanted.

OLIVE, only a small quantity of plants in the market, half price.

OLIVIAN'S STORES—Though large quantity of inferior on hand, stocks of good brands very low, and prices looking up.

RICE—Tendency to fall, stocks pretty large.

MINING.

VANCOUVER COAL COMPANY NAINAIMO—There is the usual steady demand for this coal and a brisk business is carried on. The yield is now 180 tons per diem a dividend at the rate of 12 per cent was declared for the last half of the year 1895.

QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLAND COAL CO. (LIMITED)—A small quantity of this coal, (Anstruther) was put on board the American Steamer "Del Norte" and the Engineer has certified that the coal gives greater promise than any he has seen tried on the Pacific Coast, a parcel of 7 tons was forwarded on the last Mail Steamer to San Francisco, to have the quality more fully tested; if it gives as good a result as anticipated from past experiments, the Company will possess the only mine of good Anthracite coal known on this Coast. They have a lease of 42 years from the Government of 600 acres of land, at a nominal rental of \$100 per annum, with privilege of purchase at will of 1000 acres out of that quantity, at \$1.00 per acre. A temporary reserve has been made by Government of 20,000 acres in the locality, until the exact boundaries of the 6000 acres shall be determined. A tramway of 1½ miles in length, and a road of 1½ miles, in connection with the coal mine, are to be constructed, and will be completed by June. The facilities for shipping are everything that can be desired, a beautifully sheltered harbour, and 40 feet of water 30 feet from the shore, at the spot where the wharf is being constructed. A sum of \$25,000 has already been expended in the construction of the mine, and the Company, which considering the present monetary depression, indicates great confidence in the safety of the investment; sales of shares as yet are nearly all local.

HARBOR COAL COMPANY—This Company has obtained by purchase from Government a fee simple of 5000 acres of land, of a rectangular shape, on the south and west sides of the Vancouver Company. The coal, of which they have several promising veins is considered equal in quality and extent to that of the first mentioned Company. About \$30,000 have already been expended in the construction of the mine, and the Company, which considering the present monetary depression, indicates great confidence in the safety of the investment; sales of shares as yet are nearly all local.

NORTH PACIFIC COAL CO. Port McNeill—About 1000 acres of coal land, in connection with the coal mine, are to be constructed, and will be completed by June. The facilities for shipping are everything that can be desired, a beautifully sheltered harbour, and 40 feet of water 30 feet from the shore, at the spot where the wharf is being constructed. A sum of \$25,000 has already been expended in the construction of the mine, and the Company, which considering the present monetary depression, indicates great confidence in the safety of the investment; sales of shares as yet are nearly all local.

THE MARRIAGE OF PRINCESS HELENA—The wedding of Princess Helena with his Serene Highness Prince Christian of Angstadt, will be anticipated, take place on the 9th of June. According to present arrangements, there will be eight bridesmaids at the coming ceremony—two being daughters of dukes, two of marquises, two of earls, and two of viscounts, viz. Lady Lucy, Lady Gordon Lennox, Lady Margaret Scott, Lady Alberta Hamilton, Lady Laura Phillips, Lady Muriel Campbell, Lady Fanny Fitzwilliam, Lady Alexandra Murray, and Lady Ernestine Edgemoor.

BILLIARD TABLES FOR MONTANA—M. E. Hughes, of this city, has this week sold three billiard tables to a gentleman from Virginia City, Montana. The tables are of the finest finish, Pilsen's patent, with frames of solid mahogany, and cost \$1,500.

THE STEAMER RESOLUTE left yesterday for Meigs' mill, Port Madison, with hands for the ship St. John, bound to Australia.

DANCING CLASS—Mrs. D. Palmer will reopen her afternoon class for children and young ladies on Mondays and Thursdays, at 4 p.m., at her residence, Douglas street, Terms, \$3 per month. A reduction made to two or three pupils in a family. N.B.—Private lessons given.

CAUTION TO MINERS GOING TO BIG BEND—No one should start for these mines without being quite sure that his teeth are in good order. F. W. Cava, Dentist, Truncoo Alley, opposite the Colonist office, is still practising his profession at English prices.

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